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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, LE, PLO

SUBJECT: SECURITY CONTACTS WITH PLO

REF: BEIRUT 8529

1. WE CONCUR WITH YOUR DECISION TO CEASE SECURITY OFFICER  
CONTACTS WITH PLO SECURITY OFFICIALS IN BEIRUT NOW THAT  
GOL AND ARAB LEAGUE FORCES HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
SECURITY IN BEIRUT.

2. FYI: WE HAVE PREPARED AS OF 22 NOVEMBER FOLLOWING  
CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON THIS  
SUBJECT (ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN USED):

QUOTE: QUESTION - WHO IS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR OUR  
EMBASSY IN LEBANON NOW? THE LEBANESE ARAB ARMY AS BEFORE?

ANSWER - THERE IS NO LONGER A SPECIAL DETACHMENT OF THE  
LEBANESE ARAB ARMY THERE, AS BEFORE. THE ARAB SECURITY  
FORCE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT SARKIS, IS NOW  
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TAKING OVER THE SECURITY OF BEIRUT AND WE LOOK TO THEM FOR

NECESSARY PROTECTION.

QUESTION - IS OUR EMBASSY STILL IN CONTACT WITH THE PLO  
REGARDING SECURITY MATTERS?

ANSWER - AS THE ARAB SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN TAKING  
OVER, WE HAVE HAD NO OCCASION RECENTLY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH  
THE PLO. END QUOTE.

3. WHILE THERE MAY BE OCCASIONS WHERE WE WOULD WANT TO  
CONSIDER CONTACTING PLO AGAIN ON SECURITY ISSUES (KIDNAPP-  
INGS E.G.) WE WOULD PREFER INCREASINGLY TO HOLD THE  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE. YOU SHOULD KEEP INFORMED  
ON MEANS OF GETTING IN TOUCH WITH PLO FOR SUCH A PURPOSE,  
BUT SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY FUTHER CONTACT WITHOUT DEPARTMENT  
APPROVAL. KISSINGER

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